



SYNOPSIS

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HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 22, 2016

HB 1555 Delegate Folden

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – FREDERICK COUNTY – TUSCARORA HIGH SCHOOL CONCESSION STAND

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$50,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Tuscarora High School Athletic Boosters, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of a permanent concession stand at Tuscarora High School, located in Frederick County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1556 Delegate Folden

FREDERICK COUNTY SHERIFF – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Providing that the County Executive of Frederick County may not be a party to specified collective bargaining agreements but may attend and participate in all collective bargaining sessions of specified deputy sheriffs and correctional officers of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

CJ, § 2-309(1)(5) and (6) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

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HB 1557 Washington County Delegation**WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – ACCESS TO PUBLIC SCHOOL COURSES – NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Requiring the Washington County Board of Education to allow a nonpublic school student to enroll in up to three classes in the public school that the nonpublic school student would otherwise be required to attend; requiring a nonpublic school student enrolled in public school classes to be counted toward a county's student enrollment for the purpose of calculating the county governing body's specified maintenance of effort requirement in a specified manner; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 7-311 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1558 Delegates C. Howard and Angel**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATION LICENSEE – EMPLOYEE DATA COLLECTION**

Requiring a video lottery operation licensee in Prince George's County, on or before February 1, 2018 and each February 1 thereafter, to compile data on the age, sex, race, and county of residence of video lottery employees who worked in the previous year and to submit the data to the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission within 3 months after receiving the data; and requiring the Commission to submit a report each year containing the data to the General Assembly and specified other persons.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SG, § 9-1A-23 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1559 Delegate A. Washington**ELECTIONS – NOMINATION BY PETITION FOR STATEWIDE OFFICE – REQUIRED SIGNATURES**

Requiring for a candidate who seeks nomination by petition for statewide office to have the candidate's name placed on the general election ballot must file with the appropriate board petitions signed by not fewer than 10,000 registered voters.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EL, § 5-703 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1560 Delegate Carter, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE OFFICER CERTIFICATION APPLICANT – PRIOR MARIJUANA USE**

Establishing that the Police Training Commission may not require that an individual applying for initial certification as a police officer not have used or possessed marijuana before submitting the application for certification; and providing that the Act does not preclude prohibiting a police officer from the use or possession of marijuana after the officer's initial certification as a police officer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, § 3-209.2 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1561 Delegate Sample–Hughes**MENTAL HEALTH – VOLUNTARY AND INVOLUNTARY ADMISSIONS – CERTIFICATION BY PSYCHIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONERS**

Defining “psychiatric nurse practitioner” for purposes of specified provisions of law relating to the voluntary and involuntary admissions of individuals to specified facilities for the treatment of mental disorders; prohibiting a certificate signed by a psychiatric nurse practitioner for the involuntary admission of an individual to specified facilities for the treatment of a mental disorder from being used for an admission under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, §§ 10-601, 10-616, and 10-619 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1562 Delegate Reznik, et al**STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – WATKINS MILL ROAD INTERCHANGE PROJECT**

Requiring the State Highway Administration to undertake all steps necessary to complete the Watkins Mill Road Interchange Project; specifying specified requirements for the Project; requiring the Governor to appropriate a specified amount of funding for the Project; stating the intent of the General Assembly; requiring the Administration to submit, on or before December 1 of each year, a report on the status of the Watkins Mill project to specified committees of the General Assembly; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EMERGENCY BILL

TR, § 8-657 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1563 Delegate Carter**REDUCTION OF LEAD RISK IN HOUSING – FALSE REPORTS – CRIMINAL PENALTIES**

Establishing criminal penalties for an accredited inspector who verifies any report required to be submitted to the Department of the Environment that contains a statement that the inspector knows or reasonably should know is false; establishing criminal penalties for an owner of an affected property who submits a specified report of an accredited inspector to the Department that contains a statement that the owner knows or reasonably should know is false; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EN, §§ 6-853 and 6-854 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1564 Delegate B. Robinson, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – A PENN–NORTH INITIATIVE YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$400,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Unified Efforts, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of a youth violence prevention center, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1565 Delegate B. Robinson, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – KAPPA ALPHA PSI YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Kappa Alpha Psi Foundation of Metropolitan Baltimore, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Kappa Alpha Psi Youth and Community Center, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1566 Delegate B. Robinson, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – SARAH’S HOPE**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of Sarah’s Hope homeless facility, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1567 Delegate B. Robinson, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – ORCHARD STREET CHURCH**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$25,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Baltimore Urban League, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Orchard Street Church, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1568 Delegate Lisanti**STATE BOARD OF HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR-CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION CONTRACTORS – MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN – LICENSE REQUIREMENTS**

Establishing the qualifications for a maintenance technician license to be issued by the State Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors; establishing a specified fee for the issuance or renewal of a maintenance technician license; limiting the subjects on a specified examination for a specified license; requiring the Board to send a specified notice to a specified applicant under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

BR, §§ 9A-101, 9A-207, 9A-302, 9A-304, 9A-305, 9A-308, 9A-402, and 9A-501 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1569 Delegate Lisanti**ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS – HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION SERVICES**

Prohibiting an affiliate of an electric company from using the electric company's trade name, logo, billing services, mail inserts, advertising, or computer services for a plan or program that provides heating, ventilation, air conditioning, or refrigeration services; requiring the Public Service Commission to determine just and reasonable compensation that an affiliate of an electric company shall provide to customers of the electric company's regulated services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PU, § 7-211(i) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1570 Delegate Gutierrez (By Request – Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds), et al**STATE TREASURER – SUPRANATIONAL ISSUERS**

Authorizing the Treasurer to invest or reinvest unexpended or surplus money over which the Treasurer has custody in a specified obligation issued and unconditionally guaranteed by a supranational issuer; defining a specified term; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SF, §§ 6-222 and 8-131(g)(3)(v) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1571 Delegates Shoemaker and Rose**PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – DISABLED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND RESCUE WORKERS – ACQUISITION OF DWELLING**

Increasing from 2 years to 10 years the number of years within which a disabled law enforcement officer or rescue worker must have acquired specified residential property in order to qualify for a specified property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on the property; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

TP, § 9-210 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1572 Delegate Otto**MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2015 – WORCESTER COUNTY – DELMARVA DISCOVERY CENTER AND MUSEUM**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2015 to add the Board of Directors of the Delmarva Discovery Center & Museum, Inc. as a grantee to a specified grant.

EMERGENCY BILL

Chapter 495 of the Acts of 2015, § 1(3) Item ZA02(BC) and Item ZA03(BQ) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1573 Delegate Otto**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – WORCESTER COUNTY – DELMARVA DISCOVERY CENTER AND MUSEUM**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Pocomoke and the Board of Directors of the Delmarva Discovery Center & Museum, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Delmarva Discovery Center and Museum, located in Worcester County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a specified requirement; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1574 Delegate Holmes**CERTIFIED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – GAMING AND LOTTERY CONTROL COMMISSION CONTRACTS – PREFERENCES**

Establishing a preference program under the State procurement law for bids or proposals submitted by specified entities to provide goods or services to the Maryland Gaming and Lottery Control Commission; providing for the assignment of additional points or percentage price reductions, as specified, for bids or proposals to the Commission by prime contractors that include the use of specified certified business entities; establishing eligibility requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SF, §§ 14-701 through 14-703 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1575 Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation**WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – SERVICE RATES PG/MC 119–16**

Authorizing the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to establish specified customer classes for specified service rates and charges; requiring that service rates for each customer class shall be chargeable against specified properties and shall be uniform for a given class throughout the Washington Suburban Sanitary District; requiring that the minimum or ready to serve charge include a specified component; and altering the methods by which specified service rates may be based.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

PU, §§ 25-501 and 25-502(a) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1576 Delegate Sample–Hughes**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – WICOMICO COUNTY – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF WICOMICO COUNTY**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$120,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Habitat for Humanity of Wicomico County, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of four Habitat for Humanity properties, located in Wicomico County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1577 Delegate Lisanti**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HARFORD COUNTY – AMERICAN INDIAN FIRST CONTACT WATERFRONT HERITAGE PARK**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Havre de Grace for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the American Indian First Contact Waterfront Heritage Park, located in Harford County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1578 Delegate Anderson, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – SEXUAL OFFENSES – THREATENING TO WITHHOLD GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES**

Prohibiting a State official, a local official, or a person employed by or under contract with the State or a local government unit from inducing, or attempting to induce, another person to engage in specified sexual acts by threatening to withhold governmental services to which the other person is entitled; establishing penalties for a violation of the Act; and altering a definition to establish that a specified person is subject to specified penalties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 3-307.1 - added and CP, § 11-701(o) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1579 Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS – HEARING BOARD**

Repealing the provision allowing an alternative method for the formation of a hearing board under the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights when the alternative method has been agreed to in a specified exclusive collective bargaining agreement; repealing the provision under which findings of fact and the penalty determination of a hearing board are final when agreed to through exclusive collective bargaining; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, §§ 3-107(c) and 3-108(c) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1580 Delegate Anderson, et al

MARIJUANA CONTROL (CANNABIS OVERSIGHT AND NONDISCRIMINATION THROUGH TAXATION, REGULATION, AND LEGALIZATION) ACT OF 2016

Repealing specified criminal and civil prohibitions against the use and possession of marijuana; establishing specified exemptions from prosecution for specified persons for using, obtaining, purchasing, transporting, or possessing marijuana under specified circumstances; providing exemptions from prosecution for specified retailers, marijuana product manufacturers, marijuana cultivation facilities, and safety compliance facilities under specified circumstances; establishing a specified affirmative defense; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 5-601(c) - amended and § 5-601(d) - repealed and CR, TG, and CJ, Various Sections - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1581 Harford County Delegation

HARFORD COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF PATRICK DAILEY BENEFITS MEMORIAL ACT

Increasing from 18 years to 26 years the maximum age at which specified children of deceased members of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System who are killed in the line of duty are no longer eligible to receive a specified death benefit; requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to pay a specified death benefit under specified circumstances; applying the Act retroactively; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SP, § 29-203 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1582 Delegate C. Wilson**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER – CASELOAD STANDARDS**

Requiring that an indigent defendant or party may not be provided representation by the Public Defender, a deputy public defender, a district public defender, or an assistant public defender if the representation would violate caseload standards established by the Maryland Attorney and Staff Workload Assessment of 2005; and providing that, subject to funding in the State budget, a specified defendant or party shall be represented by a specified panel attorney.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CP, § 16-204(c) - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HOUSE BILL REASSIGNED FEBRUARY 19, 2016**HB 1462 Delegate Bromwell, et al****VETERINARIANS, PHARMACIES, AND PHARMACISTS –
DISPENSING COMPOUNDED PREPARATIONS FOR USE BY
COMPANION ANIMALS**

Providing an exception to a specified prohibition on the practice of veterinary medicine and dispensing specified medication for a specified person who dispenses specified compounded preparations; providing that a specified subtitle does not prohibit a licensed veterinarian from dispensing specified compounded preparations provided by a specified pharmacy under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

AG, § 2-301(b-1) through (b-3) - added and §§ 2-301(b-1) and (f) and 2-313 - amended and HO, Various Sections - added and amended

Reassigned to: Health and Government Operations